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Dear Honourable Gordon S. Wyant, Minister of Advanced Education,

Subject: Support for students in Post Secondary education

I am writing to bring to your attention the critical importance of funding post-secondary education in Saskatchewan, particularly in supporting students' well-being. The ability to access quality education is vital not only for the individual's future but also for the economic and social well-being of the province as a whole.

One of the critical ways that funding can support students' well-being is by alleviating the financial burdens they face while pursuing their studies. Many students struggle to afford tuition, textbooks, and living expenses, which can cause immense stress and negatively impact their mental health. By providing increased funding for post-secondary education, students can focus on their studies without worrying about how they will pay for their education and basic needs.

Please consider providing more scholarship and grant options for international and Indigenous students. These students often face unique financial and cultural challenges that make it difficult for them to pursue post-secondary education. By offering more scholarship and grant opportunities, we can increase access to education for these students and promote diversity and inclusivity in our post-secondary institutions.

Furthermore, I would like to emphasize the need to eliminate Saskatchewan Student Loan interest. The burden of interest on loans can cause significant financial strain on students, particularly those from low-income families. Eliminating this interest will not only support students' well-being but also allow them to better invest in their education and contribute to the economic growth of Saskatchewan in the future.

Investing in post-secondary education today will have significant returns for the province of Saskatchewan in the future. Well-educated graduates are the foundation of a thriving economy and society, and by funding their education, we can ensure that Saskatchewan remains competitive and prosperous.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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